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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP ANNOUNCEMENT FISHERY CLOSURE

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the closure of the commercial pot shrimp fishery and the following information concerning the 2012/2013 winter season.

The following areas will close by regulation at 4:00 p.m., February 28, 2013:

District 4: Estimated harvest: confidential. District 4 is not expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2013.

District 5: Estimated harvest: confidential. District 5 is expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2013.

Section 13-A/B: Estimated Harvest: 13,800 pounds, 1,200 pounds remaining. Section 13-A/B will not reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2013.

District 15 (Remainder): Estimated harvest: confidential. The western portion of Section 15 is expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2013.

The Department will announce areas open for the summer fishery no later than May 1, 2013. By May 1, the Department will have completed processing of shrimp samples taken from the fisheries and surveys and will have had to time to analyze all available harvest and biological data for areas with remaining quota. Areas that are determined to have less than desirable stock health or areas that have low remaining quota will not reopen for the summer fishery.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of the closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of Districts 4, 5, and 15 (west of a line from Little Island light to Seduction Point) until 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2013. Stored pots must have all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an ADF&G office within seven days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher sellers intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (i.e. dock sales) must fill out an ADF&G fish ticket indicating the weight of the shrimp on board, by species, before any shrimp are removed from the vessel [5 AAC 31.143.(d)].

Catcher processor vessels fishing in these areas are required to contact ADF&G and report within 72 hours of the closure. Catcher processor vessels must report the pounds in whole weight by species of shrimp on board the vessel taken during the open shrimp-fishing period.

Closed Areas	Pounds Harvested	Closure Date
District 1	70,500	October 21, 2012
District 2	74,600	October 15, 2012
Section 3-A	122,000	October 16, 2012
Section 3-B/C	35,000	October 29, 2012
District 4	Confidential	February 28, 2013
District 5	Confidential	February 28, 2013
District 6	37,300	October 11, 2012
District 7	82,500	October 17, 2012
District 8	12,600	October 21, 2012
District 9	16,200	October 11, 2012
District 10	40,300	October 9, 2012
District 11 Seymour Canal	22,000	October 8, 2012
District 11 Remainder	8,300	February 20, 2013
District 12 Tenakee Inlet	--	Not Opened
District 12 Remainder	--	Not Opened
Section 13-A/B	13,800	February 28, 2013
Section 13-C	29,000	October 4, 2012
District 14	8,800	November 23, 2012
District 15 (Eastern)	7,300	January 7, 2013
District 15 (Western)	Confidential	February 28, 2013
District 16	Confidential	December 11, 2012
SE Pot Shrimp Est. Harvest	580,200	

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ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801	874-3822	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
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